SLS 20RS-299 ENGROSSED

2020 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 84

BY SENATOR FIELDS

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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. Provides relative to legislative approval of Education Excellence Fund expenditure plans. (gov sig)

AN ACT

2	To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3805(B), relative to the Education Excellence Fund; to
3	specify a date for the state Department of Education to submit school and school
4	system fund expenditure plans for legislative approval; and to provide for related
5	matters.
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7	Section 1. R.S. 17:3805(B) is hereby amended and reacted to read as follows:
8	§3805. Education Excellence Fund; prioritized plan for expenditure; legislative
9	approval; fund amounts and investment earnings credited to
10	ineligible entities
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12	B.(1) The appropriate standing committees of the legislature shall be After
13	approving the expenditure plans submitted by schools and school systems, the
14	department shall submit the plans to the Senate Committee on Education and the
15	House Committee on Education <u>for approval by November fifteenth of each year</u> .
16	Approval by both committees shall be required.
17	(2) Upon receipt of those plans which have been approved by the state

Department of Education, the standing committees shall meet, either separately or jointly, to consider and act on the plans.

(3) Approval shall be by motion which may be offered for all plans considered at any meeting in globo or may, at the discretion of the chairperson conducting the meeting, be acted on separately. Approval by either committee, meeting separately, shall require a favorable vote on the motion by a majority of the members present and voting, a quorum of the committee being present. Approval by the two committees, meeting jointly, shall require a favorable vote on the motion by a majority of the members thereof from each house present and voting, each house voting separately, a quorum of the joint committee being present.

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Cheryl Serrett.

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<u>Present constitution</u> provides for the Education Excellence Fund (EEF), which is part of the constitutionally established Millennium Trust Fund, to receive a specified share of the state's proceeds from the "Tobacco Settlement".

<u>Present constitution</u> provides that monies available to be appropriated annually shall be allocated to each city, parish, or other local school board on a pro rata basis based on the ratio of the student population of the school or school system to that of the total state student population. Further provides that a portion of the funds shall be appropriated to BESE-approved private elementary and secondary schools, and other schools.

<u>Present law</u> provides that before the monies can be disbursed to any school or school system, the state Department of Education (DOE) must review and approve the expenditure plans and submit and present the plans to the Senate and House education committees for approval.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires DOE to submit the plans to the education committees for approval by November 15th of each year.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 17:3805(B))

## Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

<u>Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill</u>

1. Changes submission date <u>from</u> October 1st <u>to</u> November 15th of each year.